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## Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is entering its final stages across the State, slightly behind last year and the five-year average. The alfalfa harvest remains active. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair. Sheeping off is continuing in western and central alfalfa growing areas of the State. Small grain planting remains active across the State. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly poor to good.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers were actively shipping cantaloupes and various citrus. Western Arizona growers continued to ship broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, various lettuces, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, miscellaneous melons, parsley, spinach, and various citrus.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	6	20	40	24	10
Range and Pasture	5	40	35	20	0

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	88	85	93	96

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending December 28, ranging from 8 degrees below normal at Grand Canyon to 5 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 71 degrees at Tucson and Yuma and the lowest reading of 19 degrees below zero occurred at

Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at nearly all 22 stations. Flagstaff received the most at 1.90 inches of precipitation and Douglas, Parker, and Roll received the least with 0.01 inches. There are 6 stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
December 22 - December 28, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	43	-5	56	28	0.35	8.05	-1.10	88
Buckeye	47	-4	60	30	0.45	6.66	-0.94	88
Canyon De Chelly	27	-3	45	0	0.74	10.27	0.67	107
Coolidge	47	-3	64	26	0.08	5.33	-1.97	73
Douglas	48	5	69	15	0.01	10.12	-3.23	76
Flagstaff	23	-6	44	-6	1.90	19.00	-3.66	84
Grand Canyon	19	-8	43	-19	0.62	13.45	-6.67	67
Kingman	38	-5	51	23	0.55	7.31	-2.43	75
Marana	49	-2	69	27	0.65	6.84	-3.47	66
Maricopa	47	-2	63	28	0.42	7.02	0.25	104
Paloma	48	-4	66	28	0.19	5.33	-0.47	92
Parker	48	-4	66	28	0.01	3.94	0.43	112
Payson	35	-3	53	15	1.76	20.82	-1.12	95
Phoenix	51	-3	63	34	0.72	9.43	1.83	124
Prescott	34	-2	52	17	0.83	13.17	-6.36	67
Roll	49	-3	69	28	0.01	3.60	0.46	115
Safford	43	1	62	17	0.10	8.98	-0.64	93
St. Johns	33	2	55	1	0.14	7.10	-4.26	63
Tucson	50	-2	71	26	0.94	8.60	-3.34	72
Willcox	42	1	67	17	0.39	9.86	-2.98	77
Winslow	34	4	55	11	0.11	4.60	-3.40	58
Yuma	55	-2	71	40	0.00	4.80	1.66	153

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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